



STATEMENT

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Provisional District.	Land Acres.	Water Acres.	Total Acres.
Alberta.....	64,973,212	232,000	65,205,212
Assiniboia.....	56,498,546	384,000	56,882,546
Saskatchewan.....	66,460,859	2,414,500	68,875,359
Athabasca.....	155,622,704	5,635,120	161,257,824
Franklin.....	320,000,000		
Keewatin.....	292,478,010	8,588,260	301,066,270
Mackenzie.....	340,886,420	18,910,080	359,796,500
Ungava.....	223,429,600	3,745,440	227,175,040

NOTE.—The above areas are taken from the census of 1901.

PROVINCE OF MANITOBA.

Statement showing area of the original Province of Manitoba as defined by the Act 33 Vic., Chap. 3; also land alienated at the Union, (15th July, 1870).

AREA OF PROVINCE.

Total acres, 8,910,000 Water acres, 433,000. Land acres, 8,477,000·00

LANDS ALIENATED.

1. Hudson's Bay Co's 1-20th.....	423,850·00
2. School endowment 1-18th.....	470,944·44
3. Lands granted under the Manitoba Act (33 Vic., Chap. 3).....	445,812·00
4. Lands allotted to Half Breed children....	1,461,360·00
5. Indian Reserves	100,460·80
	<u>2,902,427·24</u>

Net area after deducting lands alienated..... 5,574,572·76

NOTE.—In addition to the Half Breed allotment of 1,461,360 acres (item 4) there was granted under the Act 37 Vic., Chap. 20, scrip redeemable in land, to Half Breed Heads of families to the extent of \$512,477·84 and to original White Settlers to the extent of \$129,508·55, in all \$641,986·39, a certain proportion of which was applied on lands within the old Province, but it is impossible at this late date to ascertain what proportion thereof was so applied.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OTTAWA, January 25, 1905.

AREAS OF PROVISIONAL DISTRICTS

4-5 EDWARD VII., A. 1905

AREA of lands patented for homestead purposes in the proposed Provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan, respectively, up to January 23, 1905.

Alberta	1,393,500 ⁹ acres.
Saskatchewan	2,474,220 "
Total	3,867,720 acres.

STATEMENT showing lands vested in the Crown in the proposed Provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan, respectively.

Province of Alberta	129,556,903 acres.
Province of Saskatchewan	120,880,366 "

NUMBER of settlers arrived in the North-west Territories in the period April 1, 1901, to February 1, 1905:

Years.	No. of Settlers.
April 1, 1901, to July 1, 1901	12,213
Fiscal year 1901-02	44,070
" 1902-03	79,357
" 1903-04	75,042
July 1, 1904, to Feb. 1, 1905	29,908
Total	240,590

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Memorandum for Mr. Cory.

You forwarded me recently a request from the Honourable the Minister of Justice for certain information asked for by Mr. R. L. Borden, M.P., in the House of Commons, on February 21 last, and relating to the land in the proposed new Provinces.

So far as the inquiry related to railway lands, I think it can be answered as follows :—

The total number of acres of land granted to railways in the new Provinces may be stated as follows :—

Alberta	13,151,264
Saskatchewan	12,874,573

The selection of land by the different railway companies on account of their land subsidies is to a very large extent complete, and so far as such lands are surveyed patents have been issued. As some of the lands are unsurveyed and the selection is not complete in all cases, the above totals are not final.

Patents have been issued for about 20,000,000 acres of railway lands and patents are being issued for unpatented selected lands as the lands are surveyed.

R. E. YOUNG.

NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES.

Statement showing the respective areas of the Provisional Districts of Alberta, Assiniboia and Saskatchewan; also the approximate area of lands alienated up to the 8th January, 1905, in each of such Provisional Districts.

PROVISIONAL DISTRICT OF ALBERTA.

<i>Area.</i>		
Total Acres.	Water Acres.	Land Acres.
65,205,212	232,000	64,973,212

LANDS ALIENATED.

	Acres.
1. Indian Reserves	1,221,935
2. Hudson's Bay Co's. lands	1,632,000
3. School lands *	3,609,622
4. Rocky Mountains Park	2,880,000
5. Waterton Forest Park	34,560
6. Homesteads, Pre-emptions, Sales, &c.	6,170,560
7. Grants to Railway Companies	11,233,571
	<hr/> 26,782,248

Lands undisposed of 38,190,964

* School lands.—Up to the 1st January, 1905, 1,754 acres of School lands were sold. The 3,609,622 acres above given (item 3) is the approximate total area of the lands set apart, being sections 11 and 29 in each township, as an endowment for purposes of education.

PROVISIONAL DISTRICT OF ASSINIBOIA.

<i>Area.</i>		
Total Acres.	Water Acres.	Land Acres.
56,882,546	384,000	56,498,546

LANDS ALIENATED.

	Acres.
1. Indian Reserves	676,195
2. Hudson's Bay Co's. lands	2,880,000
3. School Lands *	3,138,808
4. Grants to Railway Companies	8,604,067
5. Homesteads, Pre-emptions, Sales, &c.	8,913,600
	<hr/> 24,212,670

Lands undisposed of 32,285,876

* School lands.—Up to the 1st January, 1905, 144,594 acres of School lands were sold. The 3,138,808 acres above given (item 3) is the approximate area of the lands set apart, being sections 11 and 29 in each township as an endowment for purposes of education.

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PROVISIONAL DISTRICT OF SASKATCHEWAN.

Area.

Total acres, 68,875,359: Water acres, 2,414,500. Land acres, 66,460,859

LANDS ALIENATED.

Acres.

1. Indian Reserves.....	721,024	
2. Hudson's Bay Co.'s Lands.....	1,312,000	
3. School Lands*.....	3,692,270	
4. Grants to Railway Co.'s.....	6,188,199	
5. Homesteads, pre-emptions, sales, &c.	2,715,120	
	<hr/>	14,628,613
Lands undisposed of.....		51,832,246

* School lands. Up to January, 1905, 237 acres of school lands were sold, the 3,692,270 acres above given (item 3) is the approximate total area of the lands set apart—being sections 11 and 29 in each township for purposes of education.

RECAPITULATION.

PROVISIONAL DISTRICTS OF ALBERTA, ASSINIBOIA AND SASKATCHEWAN,

Area.

Provisional District.	Total acres.	Water acres.	Land acres.	Total land acres.
Alberta.....	65,205,212	230,000	64,973,212	
Assiniboia.....	56,882,546	384,000	56,498,546	
Saskatchewan.....	68,875,359	2,414,500	66,460,859	
			<hr/>	187,932,617

LANDS ALIENATED.

Acres.

Alberta.....	26,782,248	
Assiniboia.....	24,212,670	
Saskatchewan.....	14,628,613	
	<hr/>	65,623,531

LANDS UNDISPOSED OF.

Alberta.....	38,190,964	
Assiniboia.....	32,285,876	
Saskatchewan.....	51,832,246	
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		187,932,617

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
TOPOGRAPHICAL SURVEYS BRANCH,
OTTAWA, MARCH 3, 1905.

(Memorandum.)

The map herewith shows according to my estimate the limit of the lands adapted for growing grain in the new Provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta; also the limit of the semi arid region as estimated by Mr. J. S. Dennis and by me. Mr. Dennis' definition of the semi arid region is a region which requires the artificial application of water to make crop production certain. The two limits credited to him are taken from the Irrigation reports for 1897 and 1899: in locating them he made use of the tables of precipitation published by the Meteorological Service. The limits drawn by me are merely estimates. The areas of this region are:

	Saskatchewan.	Alberta.
Estimate of the Surveyor General	32,000 sq. m.	41,000
" J. S. Dennis, 1897	57,000	46,000
" J. S. Dennis, 1899	44,000	49,000

The parts of the two provinces which are not adapted for growing grain or for irrigation may be assumed to be suitable for ranches or for some other kind of farming, when they are cleared of the woods: these lands are not very well known but there is no evidence to show that they are not suitable.

The schedule herewith gives the areas of the three classes of land in each of the new Provinces, according to my estimate. Should Mr. Dennis' figures be adopted for the semi arid region a corresponding change would have to be made in the schedule areas of the land adapted for growing grain.

The area of water is just an estimate.

Respectfully submitted,

E. DEVILLE,
Surveyor General.

The Deputy of the Minister of the Interior.

LAND AND WATER AREAS IN THE PROVINCES OF SASKATCHEWAN
AND ALBERTA

ACCORDING TO THE SURVEYOR GENERAL'S ESTIMATE.

	Saskatchewan.	Alberta.
Land suitable for grain growing..	86,000 sq. m.	80,000
Land requiring irrigation.....	32,000	41,000
Land suitable for ranches or other description of farming.....	106,887	113,559
Water.....	27,000	20,000
Total area of Province	251,887	254,559